

WORK GROUPS

These groups meet on a regular basis and their elected chair will sit on the UCAN Executive Board. Stars indicate this was a priority for fiscal year 2008, as determined at the state cancer plan retreat in November 2005 and UCAN general meeting of April 2007.

Advocacy

- *Advocate to the state legislature for funding to support cancer treatment and services for those who are uninsured and underinsured.
- *Support legislation to increase the tobacco excise tax to accomplish the strategies of the state plan.
- *Increase public awareness of the radon problem and of the relationship between indoor radon & lung cancer.

Evaluation

- Identify evaluation, data management and surveillance resources in Utah.
- Consult with workgroups to identify measurable indicators, tracking methods and reporting mechanisms for priority objectives.
- Identify gaps in availability of data sources and recommend activities to meet data and evaluation needs.

Membership

- Identify gaps within the UCAN membership where diverse organizations, agencies, skills and expertise are needed to create a robust and diverse membership.
- Create orientation packet.
- Recruit new members to meet needs.
- Provide orientation and work with new members to create a simple work plan.
- Publicly recognize partners and partners' accomplishments.

Disparities

- *Identify clearly what populations will be included in "disparities" and conduct a data review and assessment of needs, resources, and gaps.
- *Engage communities, minority health community organizations and those with disparities in identifying and solving the issues.

Quality of Life

- *Identify the standards & components within a "best practices" system of quality of life services based on current research and practices.
- *Conduct a Utah-based needs assessment of survivorship issues through focus groups, surveys, and interviews with survivors, caregivers, and health professionals.
- *Utilize/promote/distribute the Community Cancer Resource Guide as well as other developed resources for cancer patients and their caregivers.
- *Define the characteristics & components within the "cancer survivor" population by assessing available plans & current research on survivorship issues.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

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Breast & Cervical

- *Collaborate with other women's health programs to make screening more convenient and accessible.
- *Identify marketing/education techniques to promote cervical cancer screening.

Clinical Trials

- *Increase awareness of clinical trials.

Colon

- *Educate the public and health care providers about the need for colorectal cancer screening.

Ovarian

- Promote increased awareness of ovarian cancer symptoms and risk factors.
- Establish baseline for ovarian cancer measures in Utah.
- Improve access to up to date information.
- Promote "best practices" for primary care providers on the recommended cascade of diagnostic tests necessary for optimal management of women who present with symptoms suspicious for ovarian cancer.
- Advocate for ovarian specific research.

Prostate

- *Increase community support for informed prostate cancer screening.

Skin

- *Work with educators and other concerned adults on how to integrate skin cancer prevention curriculum into schools and other community activities.